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[FY19 OMB ACE response to OCFO comments 20170822 Clean to OB Senior Mgt w MW and CT comments.mrg.docx](#)  
[FY19 OMB HHRA SF-Responses to OCFO 2017.08.28 v3mrg.docx](#)  
[FY19 OMB HHRA ST-Responses to OCFO 2017.08.28 v3 mrg.docx](#)  
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Look fairly minor comments in most – some comments on CSS and ACE, HHRA. Richard – there is a call-out for you on the HHRA document attached about language related to the IRIS program.

A lot of these have statements from OCFO about deleting text on things proposed to be no longer funded. I agree with Becca Feeks that the language should be kept.

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**Importance:** High

Heads up! Any edits are due to OCFO by noon. OCFO will not give an extension.

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We have received comments back from OCFO. See last attachment and Eric's summary below.

We have to get comments back to OCFO by Noon. No extension is likely due to OCFO's need to finalize the draft for the 3rd floor.

We recommend that all accomplishments that reference eliminated programs be removed from the accomplishments (i.e. STAR reference under LUST).

Respond to me with a cc to Deborah Heckman and Eric Burman.

Once again, I apologize for the short notice.

Thanks,

Steve

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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Did you forward these to IOAA? They are due to OCFO by noon.

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Hi Steve,

I just missed you tonight and will not be in tomorrow morning. OCFO (of course) wants our comments back tomorrow before noon (even though we got these yesterday and today).

My principle concern is the issue of products for ACE and STAR that we list in past accomplishments. Folks want to list these, but I question the value of including them as being little more than quixotic.

Please pass this on to the IOAA earl in the morning, but note that we may want to delete mention of eliminated programs ourselves before the political leadership swats us on the nose, or at least run them byu Richard Yamada first thing so that he can make the call.

Give me a ring on the cell if you want to discuss or have questions. Otherwise, I'll see you around noon tomorrow. Thank you,

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Steve,

Attached are the latest FY2019 program/project narratives with OCFO/OB comments and our response to comments. To meet the Agency's ambitious development schedule for the

FY2019 OMB request, we will need to send these to OCFO and run a concurrent review with the IOAA leadership team, so please forward these to the IOAA with the following information:

1. Also attached is a file titled 'FY19 OB comments'. This is a collection of all the OCFO/OB comments.

2. OCFO/OB comments centered largely around deliverables for eliminated/reduced programs in FY18. Since the appropriation and our operating plan are largely an unknown at this time, we have recommended maintaining the language and addressing it in the CJ process. This will be much more manageable than taking out language and then reinserting it later. If the guidance is to take out the language, then we will proceed accordingly.

3. There are also a questions surrounding the IRIS language. For example, OCFO wants us to double check with the DAAs on the prease "The Agency is currently reviewing the IRIS program to ensure it supports the agency's highest risk management efforts." They have also asked for an update on anticipated IRIS reviews. As above, we may want to wait for a later point in the process to provide further language, but this is the call of the IOAA.

4. Finally, OCFO commented out BOSC language, saying that a generic paragraph should be used for all instances. We pointed out to OCFO that the current language was used in FY18 at the direction of OMB (it appeared at the tail end of our process), so OCFO has agreed to maintain it under the condition that it is "current and accurate". Therefore the IOAA may want to weigh in on this.

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